(d) and (e) It is not policy of the Government of India to provide lighting as the vehicular traffic on National Highways moves under their own lights.

(f) and (g) The construction of new sections of NH by NHAI is still in progress and as such the question of poor maintenance does not arise.

New National Highways to link ports in Gujarat

5448. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gujarat having the longest coast line in the country having hinterland of many States traffic plying through the State has been increased tremendously;

(b) if so, whether the Central Government intend to designate some additional roads leading to the ports a National Highways; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir, the traffic on all National Highways throughout the country has increased over the years.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

National Highways in Assam

5449. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of project-wise allocation made, amount actually released and utilised against each of the actual project work, PR and FDR in Assam during 1999-2000 indicating progress of work made so far;

(b) the allocation proposed for 2000-2001 and target fixed;

(c) the status of various bridges proposed over major rivers of Assam and over-bridges/flyovers proposed to be taken up during Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(d) the status of the super-highway project in the North-Eastern Region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) The details of original allocation made, funds, utilized and expenditure incurred during 1999-2000,

in case of major works each costing above Rs. 5 crore, is given below:—

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Allocation (Release) Rs.in lakh	Expenditure (Utilisation) Rs. in lakh
	Ongoing Works		
1.	Improvement of existing two lane road from Km. 55-60 and Km. 87-106 of NH-39	350.00	53.71
2.	Strengthening of existing two lane carriageway in selected reaches of NH- 31	300.00	37.91
3.	Raising and strengthening of NH-37 in selected reaches	18.68	39.26
	New works		
4.	Rail cum Road Bridge across Brahmaputra at Bogibeel (MOST Share)	100.00	00.00
5.	Bridge across River Jiabharali on NH-52	10.00	00.00
6.	Realignment of NH-52 near Tezpur along new Jiabharali Bridge	10.00	00.00
7.	Construction of ROB at Km. 1114 on NH-31	10.00	00.00
8.	Lump sum provision for works each costing less than Rs. 5 crore	2301.32	2719.121
	Total:	3100.00	2850.00
9.	Periodical repair	2030.00	717.00
10.	FDR	564.44	443.00

(b) Subject to budget being passed by Parliament following allocation has been proposed for 2000-2001.

Development works 5800.00 lakh

Maintenance and repair 2631.18 lakh

The target is to spend the entire amount.

(c) Bridges over major rivers and road over bridges mentioned at S. Nos 4 to 7 of part (a) above are proposed to be taken up during remaining period of Ninth Five Year Plan.

(d) Presumably by Super Highway Hon'ble Member means project of four/six laning of highways. In the State of Assam, the project of four laning of Km 156 to 164 of Guwahati bypass section of NH-37 has been taken up for construction under Phase-I programme of East- West corridor. The work of the project has been recently awarded by National Highways Authority of India.

Pending highway proposals of Rajasthan

5450. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of network of National Highways in the country;

(b) the national highways in Rajashtan;

(c) the demands and requests made by the Government of Rajasthan in this respect and the action taken thereon so far; and

(d) how many requests as received from the Government of Rajasthan are pending with the Central Government and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) The total number of National Highways in the country are 143 with aggregate length of 52,0101 km at present. Out of this, 11 National Highways having a length of 4381 km fall in the State of Rajasthan.

(c) and (d) On the request of the State Government of Rajasthan, four roads totaling to 1450 km have already been declared as new National Highways in the 9th Five Year Plan. The remaining three proposals would be considered for new National Highways keeping in view the inter-se priority, requirements projected by various State Governments and the availability of funds for the purpose.

Super Highway Project

5451. DR. M. N. DAS: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Highway Authority of India has finalised the outline of highway stretches from Saurashtra to Silchar and Kashmir to Kanyakumari; and

(b) if the answer is in affirmative, how many States of the country are going to benefit from this grand National Project?